



2024 Ones to Watch Industry Leaders: Liliana Torres, Urbahn Architects

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Liliana Torres
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“Liliana is rare in our industry, having earned her architectural license only five and half years after receiving her Bachelor of Architecture degree. She applies the same level of focus and dedication in her professional development, design and technical skills, making her well-positioned for a highly successful career.” - Rafael Stein, AIA, Principal at Urbahn Architects.

In the last 12 months what accomplishment are you most proud of? Last year, at 29, I became a New York State-licensed architect. This has allowed me to take on more senior roles on Urbahn’s projects, in particular the on-going accessibility improvements program for MTA’s New York City subway system. I am responsible for design work at the Mosholu Parkway and Church Ave. stations in the Bronx.

In the last 12 months what was one of the biggest challenges you faced as a leader and how did you overcome it? One of the technical challenges our team faced during the Church Ave. subway station design was finding a way to allow more natural light into the interiors, especially the proposed headhouse. Following an analysis of multiple options for feasibility and budget, the client and the design/build team selected the solution of glazing the walls overlooking the platform. This will significantly improve the passenger safety, while making the station more visually attractive.

Best advice for new leaders: In my experience, best results are achieved through knowledge, creativity and kindness.